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TURKEYS

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Number Raised - 1976

RECORD NUMBER OF TURKEYS EXPECTED

A record 137.9 million turkeys are expected to be raised in 1976, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This level is 11 percent above last year and 4 percent above the previous high of 132.2 million raised in 1973.

Heavy breed turkeys raised in 1976 are expected to total nearly 120.2 million, up 10 percent from the 109.3 million raised in 1975. Light breed turkeys raised during 1976 are estimated at 17.8 million, a 19 percent increase from the number raised a year ago.

Turkey poults hatched from September 1975 through July 1976 were 12 percent above the corresponding period a year earlier. Heavy breeds were up 10 percent and light breeds up 19 percent. Turkey eggs in incubators on August 1, 1976 were 8 percent below the number in incubators a year ago.

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TURKEYS: NUMBER RAISED 1/

STATE	HEAVY BREEDS 4/			LIGHT BREEDS 5/			TOTAL ALL BREEDS		
	1976			1976			1976		
	1975	1976	AS % OF 1975	1975	1976	AS % OF 1975	1975	1976	AS % OF 1975
	1,000 HEAD		PERCENT	1,000 HEAD		PERCENT	1,000 HEAD		PERCENT
ARK 2/							7,100	7,625	107
CALIF	15,017	16,698	111	754	1,282	170	15,771	17,980	114
COLO 2/							3,620	3,825	106
CONN	32	33	103	4	3	75	36	36	100
GA	1,216	1,880	155	0	10		1,216	1,890	155
ILL	445	366	82	0	7		445	373	84
IND	4,350	4,650	107	785	525	67	5,135	5,175	101
IOWA	6,238	6,657	107	22	30	136	6,260	6,687	107
KANS	152	96	63	2	0		154	96	62
LA	2	2	100	0	0		2	2	100
MAINE	3	2	67	3	2	67	6	4	67
MD	38	40	105	1	7		39	47	121
MASS	106	122	115	19	21	111	125	143	114
MICH 2/							700	1,170	167
MINN	15,549	16,110	104	7,203	8,140	113	22,752	24,250	107
MO 2/							8,125	9,690	119
NEBR	487	442	91	0	0		487	442	91
N H	18	19	106	3	7		21	26	124
N J	63	63	100	11	5	45	74	68	92
N Y 2/							145	142	98
N C 2/							14,400	17,700	123
N DAK	821	627	76	90	373		911	1,000	110
OHIO 2/							2,835	2,590	91
OKLA 2/							1,370	2,019	147
OREG 2/							1,025	1,300	127
PA	2,313	2,774	120	525	569	108	2,838	3,343	118
R I	9	9	100	0	0		9	9	100
S C	2,235	1,908	85	350	532	152	2,585	2,440	94
S DAK	510	612	120	350	364	104	860	976	113
TENN	4	4	100	0	0		4	4	100
TEX	8,700	9,300	107	145	0		8,845	9,300	105
UTAH	3,369	3,439	102	77	24	31	3,446	3,463	100
VT	7	7	100	0	0		7	7	100
VA 2/							5,972	6,813	114
W VA	500	718	144	1,030	1,030	100	1,530	1,748	114
WIS	4,886	5,077	104	8	9	113	4,894	5,086	104
OTHER STATES 3/	485	405	84	26	59		511	464	91
U S	109,301	120,152	110	14,954	17,781	119	124,255	137,933	111

1/ BASED ON TURKEYS HATCHED SEPTEMBER 1, 1975 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 1976. EXCLUDES YOUNG TURKEYS LOST.

2/ BREAKDOWN BY BREEDS NOT PUBLISHED TO AVOID DISCLOSING INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS.

3/ ALA, ARIZ, DEL, FLA, IDAHO, KY, MISS, MONT, N MEX, WASH AND WYO, COMBINED TO AVOID DISCLOSING INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS.

4/ NORMAL MATURE MARKETING WEIGHT 12 POUNDS OR OVER.

5/ NORMAL MATURE MARKETING WEIGHT UNDER 12 POUNDS.